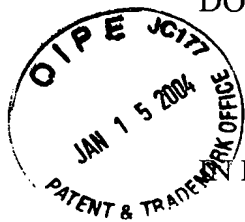


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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 15, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect with traverse Group 1, Claims 1-35 and 37-45, drawn to metallic corrosion loss under atmospheric conditions.

Applicants, however, traverse the Restriction Requirement in light of the fact that non-elected claim 36 has already been examined. Hence, no undue burden would be placed on the examiner to continue examination of that claim.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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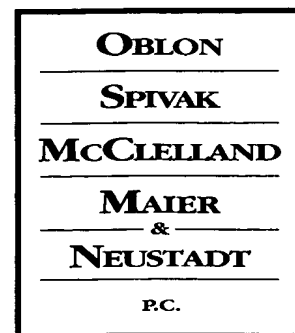
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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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